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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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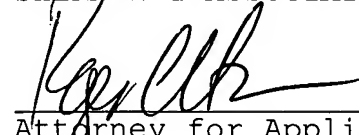
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- (1) Transmittal Letter; and
- (2) Response to Restriction/Election Requirement.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

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This is in response to the Official Action bearing a mail date of January 4, 2006. The one-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on February 4, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed under the Saturday, Sunday, Holiday rule.

In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the pending restriction requirement.